(vii) The Public Service Broadcasting Trust has been entrusted with the task of making a film on piracy.

Expansion of DO network in NER

1844. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Doordarshan plans to expand network in the North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether such a project is also proposed to be launched in the backward tribal areas of Orissa and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that Doordarshan's network in the North-East region presently includes, 12 studio centres and 134 transmitters (24 HPTs, 38 LPTs, 72 VLPTs) which are functioning in the region. Satellite uplinks are also available at all the capital stations. In addition, an LPT has been installed at Satrasal in Assam and another is being installed in Ambassa in Tripura.

(c) Doordarshan presently has 2 studios and 61 transmitters (5 HPTs, 42 LPTs, 14 VLPTs) functioning in the tribal districts of Orissa. Another LPT has also been set up at Bahalda in the tribal districts of Mayurbhanj. TV coverage in the uncovered areas of the country is now envisaged to be provided through satellite transmission in Ku-Band. Ku-Band signals can be received anywhere in the country, except Andaman & Nicobar Islands, through a small sized dish receive system. These signals can also be received in Orissa.

Uplinking system to T.V. channels

1845. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to switch off uplinking system to a number of T.V. channels;